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| U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE<br>FORM PTO-1390<br>(REV. 10-2003)  |   | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER<br>71522-0013                              |
| <b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br/>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br/>CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>   |   | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)<br><b>10/510076</b> |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/GB03/01428   | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br>1 April 2003 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br>April 2, 2002                              |
| TITLE OF INVENTION<br><b>MECHANISM FOR OBTAINING AND PAYING FOR POSTAGE</b>   |   |   |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US<br>HEPBURN, Peter Lockhead  |   |   |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:   |   |   |
| <p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))<br/>       a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).<br/>       b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.<br/>       c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).<br/>       a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.<br/>       b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))<br/>       a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).<br/>       b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.<br/>       c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.<br/>       d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p> |   |   |
| <p><b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b></p> <p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Express Mail Transmittal, return-receipt postcard</p>  |   |   |

| U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.1)   | INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER         |            |              |              |      |    |              |           |   |           |          |                    |         |   |           |    |   |  |  |            |    |                                      |  |  |           |  |
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| <b>107510076</b>  | PCT/GB03/01428                | 71522-0013                       |            |              |              |      |    |              |           |   |           |          |                    |         |   |           |    |   |  |  |            |    |                                      |  |  |           |  |
| 21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:   |                               | CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY        |            |              |              |      |    |              |           |   |           |          |                    |         |   |           |    |   |  |  |            |    |                                      |  |  |           |  |
| <b>BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1) - (5)):</b>   |                               |                                  |            |              |              |      |    |              |           |   |           |          |                    |         |   |           |    |   |  |  |            |    |                                      |  |  |           |  |
| Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO .....   |                               | \$1080.00                        |            |              |              |      |    |              |           |   |           |          |                    |         |   |           |    |   |  |  |            |    |                                      |  |  |           |  |
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| <b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =</b>   |                               |                                  |            |              |              |      |    |              |           |   |           |          |                    |         |   |           |    |   |  |  |            |    |                                      |  |  |           |  |
|   |                               | \$ 920.00                        |            |              |              |      |    |              |           |   |           |          |                    |         |   |           |    |   |  |  |            |    |                                      |  |  |           |  |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).  |                               |                                  |            |              |              |      |    |              |           |   |           |          |                    |         |   |           |    |   |  |  |            |    |                                      |  |  |           |  |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.   |                               |                                  |            |              |              |      |    |              |           |   |           |          |                    |         |   |           |    |   |  |  |            |    |                                      |  |  |           |  |
| <b>SUBTOTAL =</b> \$ 478.00   |                               |                                  |            |              |              |      |    |              |           |   |           |          |                    |         |   |           |    |   |  |  |            |    |                                      |  |  |           |  |
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| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property + \$   |                               |                                  |            |              |              |      |    |              |           |   |           |          |                    |         |   |           |    |   |  |  |            |    |                                      |  |  |           |  |
| <b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b> \$ 478.00  |                               |                                  |            |              |              |      |    |              |           |   |           |          |                    |         |   |           |    |   |  |  |            |    |                                      |  |  |           |  |
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| <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>50-2003</u> in the amount of \$ <u>478.00</u> to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>50-2003</u>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. <b>Credit card information should not be included on this form.</b> Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p> |                               |                                  |            |              |              |      |    |              |           |   |           |          |                    |         |   |           |    |   |  |  |            |    |                                      |  |  |           |  |
| <b>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</b>  |                               |                                  |            |              |              |      |    |              |           |   |           |          |                    |         |   |           |    |   |  |  |            |    |                                      |  |  |           |  |
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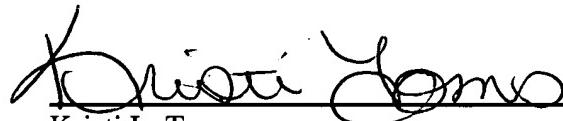
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